

The Librarian read the translation of a letter from Pierre de Goetz to Mr. Du Ponceau, dated St. Petersburg, August 17th (29th) 1837, on behalf of the Imperial Russian Academy, announcing the transmission to the Society of the works which have been published by the Academy, numbering fifty-seven volumes, and also of a donation of several volumes from himself personally.

Dr. Bache announced the death of Thomas Bradford, the latest survivor of the original members of the Society, who died on the 7th of May, 1838, aged 93 years and 3 days.

Dr. Hare communicated orally, that he has found that when the elements of water are exploded in contact with certain gases or essential oils, the aqueous elements, instead of condensing, combine with the hydrogen and carbon, and form a permanent gas.

On motion of Dr. Bache, a committee was appointed to consider the expediency of publishing, from time to time, a brief abstract of the proceedings of the Society. Committee, Dr. Bache, Dr. Dunglison, and Mr. Kane.

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*Stated Meeting, June 15.*

Present, seventeen members.

Mr. DU PONCEAU, President, in the Chair.

The following donations were received:—

FOR THE LIBRARY.

Collecion de obras y documentos relativos a la Historia antigua y moderna de las Provincias del Rio de la Plata. Por Pedro de Angeles. Vols. III. IV. & V. Buenos Ayres, 1836.—*From the Author.*

Bulletin de la Société Géographique de Paris. Deuxième Série. Vol. VIII. Paris, 1837.—*From the Society.*

Annales des Mines. Vol. XII. No. 5. Paris, 1837.—*From the Engineers of Mines.*

Magazine of Natural History. Edited by Edward Charlesworth. Nos. 3 & 4, for 1838. London, 1838.—*From the Editor.*

- Jahrbuch für 1837, von H. C. Schumacher. Stuttgart und Tübingen, 1838.—*From President A. D. Bache.*
- Academical Lectures on the Jewish Scriptures and Antiquities. By John Gorham Palfrey, D. D. Vol. I. Boston, 1838.—*From Mr. M. Burns.*
- Memoir of the Life and Writings of the Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, D. D. By Alden Bradford. Boston, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Catalogue and Specimen Book of Oxford and Polyglot Bibles, and Theological Works. By Bagster and Marshall. London and Philadelphia, 1838.—*From the Publishers.*
- Popular Essay on subjects of Penal Law, Solitary Confinement with Labour, and Joint Labour by day. By Francis Lieber. Philadelphia, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Annual Report of the Geologist of Maryland. By J. T. Ducatel, M. D. Annapolis, 1837.—*From the Author.*
- First Report on the Agriculture of Massachusetts, County of Essex, 1837. By Henry Coleman. Boston, 1837.—*From T. G. Bradford, Esq.*
- Report and Resolves of the Joint Committee of the Legislature of Massachusetts on Public Lands, in relation to the North-eastern Boundary. Boston, 1838.—*From the same.*
- First Annual Report of the American Board of Education of Massachusetts. Boston, 1838.—*From the same.*
- St. Luke in the Chippewa Language. By George Copway and S. Hall. Boston, 1837.—*From John Pickering, Esq.*
- Choctaw Arithmetic. Boston, 1835.—*From the same.*
- Choctaw Spelling Book. Third Edition revised. Boston, 1835.—*From the same.*
- Journals of the Select and Common Councils of Philadelphia, for 1835-6 & 1836-7. Philadelphia, 1836-7.—*From Mr. J. P. Wetherill.*
- Third Annual Report of the Directors of the Ohio Lunatic Asylum. Columbus, 1837.—*From Mr. William M. Awt.*
- American Medical Library and Intelligencer. Edited by R. Dunglison, M. D. Vol. I. Nos. 19 to 24; and Vol. II. Nos. 1 to 7. Philadelphia, 1837-8. (Presented at various times since the beginning of the year).—*From the Editor.*
- Report to the Secretary of War on the Harbour of Provincetown, Cape Cod, Mass. By Col. J. J. Abert, Topog. Engineer. Washington, 1838.—*From the Author.*

- Report of the Secretary of the Treasury on the Light Houses of the United States. With Communications from the Messrs. Blunt of New York, pointing out Defects. Washington, 1838.—*From Messrs. E. & G. W. Blunt.*
- Bulletin de la Société Impériale des Naturalistes de Moscou. Nos. 1, 2, & 3. Moscow, 1837.—*From the Society.*
- Report to the Senate of the United States, by Senator Linn, on the Memorial of Dr. Henry Perrine, applying for a tract of land in Florida for the cultivation of Tropical Plants. Washington, 1838.—*From Dr. Henry Perrine.*
- Mémoire sur le Système Grammatical des Langues de quelques Nations Indiennes de l'Amérique. Ouvrage qui a remporté le prix Volney adjugé par l'Institut de France. Par P. S. Duponceau. Paris, 1838.—*From the Author.*
- Exposé Sommaire de la Constitution des Etats Unis de l'Amérique. Par P. S. Du Ponceau. Traduit de l'Anglois par M. d'Homergue. Paris, 1837.—*From the Author.*
- Atlas Classica. By H. S. Tanner. Nos. 4 to 7. Philadelphia, 1838. *From the Author.*
- Boston Journal of Natural History. Published by the Boston Society of Natural History.—Vol. II. No. 1. Boston, 1838.—*From the Society.*

The Committee appointed at the last meeting to consider the expediency of publishing from time to time, a brief abstract of the proceedings of the Society, reported in favour of its expediency, and in order to carry the measure into effect, proposed the following resolutions, which were adopted.

1. That the Secretaries be authorized to choose one of their number as Reporter of the Society, whose duty it shall be to prepare and print, from time to time, a brief abstract of its proceedings.

2. That the Reports shall commence with the first proceedings of the present year.

3. That the Librarian be charged with the duty of their distribution.

And it was directed that the Reports be published at least once in every three months, if the state of the materials shall permit.

Dr. Hays, from the Committee of Publication, announced

that Vol. VI. Part I., N. S., of the Society's Transactions, has been printed, and is now ready for distribution.

A communication was read, dated Cincinnati, May 7th, 1838, from Dr. John Locke, on the subject of Magnetic Observations, which was referred.

Dr. Duglison announced the death of Thomas W. Griffith, of Baltimore, a member of the Society.